

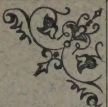
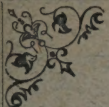


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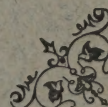
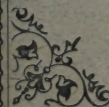
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Report of Treasurer and Selectmen.

*The Treasurer and Selectmen credit the town for the year ending
March 1, 1886, as follows:*

By list of taxes assessed April 1, 1885,	\$2,587.96
Dog tax,	31.00
School-house tax, District No. 10,	10.26
Received of highway tax of 1883,	2.80
" " 1884,	7.68
Received of Luther Barrett, note in full,	112.43
Cash in treasury,	303.66
Received of J. M. and J. H. Fogg, note in full,	9.60
" from county for support of poor,	191.30
" railroad tax,	11.24
" savings bank tax,	230.55
" literary fund,	54.29
" of state treasurer, bounties paid,	33.50
" on taxes of 1883,	3.80
" on taxes of 1884,	427.11
" interest on taxes of 1884,	2.02
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	\$4,019.20

Disbursements of Treasurer.

Outstanding bills :

Paid P. B. Smith, labor on road in 1884,	\$1.35
Nathan P. Smith, dog damage,	27.00
Uriel Pike, “	3.00
Isaac C. Tilton, note in full,	1,035.47
Bingham, Aldrich and Remick,	47.00
On Sherburn W. Tilton's note,	152.77
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	\$1,266.59

Support of Schools.

Paid Charles H. Heath,	\$88.00
Rachel A. Ferrin,	34.02
Albion B. Dalton,	69.16
Albert N. Clough,	50.30
John Smith,	70.51
Gilbert B. Dolloff,	116.69
Simeon C. Brown,	27.62
Stephen R. Glover,	12.98
Henry W. Mitchell,	24.80
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	\$494.08

Support of Poor.

Paid for Lucinda Wiser,	\$.25
“ Hezekiah and Sally Heath,	156.00
Funeral expenses of G. Tobine,	17.00
Support and funeral expenses of Joseph Heath,	15.80
Support of Grace A. Abel,	3.00
Clothes for Tobine boy,	8.80
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	\$200.85

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid J. E. S. Fifield, town clerk,	\$15.00
M. A. Morrill, S. S. Committee,	25.00
D. S. Batchelder, supervisor,	6.75

Paid C. Woodman, supervisor,	\$4.50
G. F. Fletcher, “	6.00
J. F. Morrill, collector,	34.00
H. W. Tilton, selectman,	45.00
D. B. Clement, jr., “	40.00
R. J. Pillsbury, “	26.00
J. S. Morrison, treasurer,	25.00
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	\$227.25

Highways and Bridges.

Paid T. Hammond for lumber,	\$12.06
Repairs on Union bridge,	136.77
G. L. Small, for labor in District No. 15,	1.20
D. B. Clement, jr., “ “ “	1.20
For labor and breaking new road,	16.65
D. B. Clement, jr., for plank,	32.32
H. H. Morrill, for timber and labor on Lufkin bridge,	2.00
D. B. Clement, jr., for drawing plank and labor,	2.25
J. E. S. Fifield, breaking road,	1.50
J. L. Morrison, breaking road in Webster's district,	1.25
W. B. Nichols, for plank,	4.69
H. R. Brown, labor and lumber on bridge,	1.50
E. E. Ferrin, drawing plank for Union bridge,	1.50
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	\$214.89

Miscellaneous.

Paid R. W. Musgrove, printing town reports,	\$12.00
Expense carrying paupers to County farm,	2.90
Surveyor's and collector's books, stationery, etc.,	4.50
Bounty on grasshoppers,	10.50
“ woodchucks,	23.00
State tax,	276.00
County tax,	277.49
A. W. Nichols, school house tax, Dist. No. 10,	10.26

Paid Interest on money,	\$15.36
Fling & Chase, services on bridge case,	75.00
Barnard & Barnard, " " "	11.00
L. W. Fling, services on Kimball suit,	16.00
R. B. Gilpatric, damage on highway,	2.00
C. Woodman, use of watering tub,	3.00
Dr. Huckins, returns of births and deaths,	2.00
Printing tax bills and notices,	2.45
C. Woodman, taking affidavits,	1.00
R. J. Pilisbury, for guide boards and posts,	6.25
Burying horse,	2.00
Selectmen's expenses,	9.15
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	\$761.86

Abatement of Taxes Assessed April 1, 1885.

David L. Barrett, loss of stock in 1884,	\$.20
Rivers T. Mitchell, dog tax,	1.00
George L. Small, "	1.00
Cyrus W. Fletcher, poll tax paid in Mass.,	2.10
John Lynn,	.55
Jonathan H. Johnson, overtaxed,	1.05
Edwin D. Morrill, paid in Hebron,	2.10
W. Alfred Abel,	2.10
George W. Armstrong,	1.30
James M. Cross, dog tax,	1.00
John Smith, "	1.00
John T. Whittemore, loss of cow in 1884,	.55
John H. Fogg, " " "	.58
Thomas Hammond, loss on stock,	1.61
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	\$16.14
Abatement of taxes of 1883 and 1884.	\$43.64

Recapitulation.

Whole amount received,	\$4,019.20
Paid outstanding bills,	\$1,266.59
Support of schools,	494.08
“ poor,	200.85
Town officers' bills,	227.25
Highways and bridges,	214.89
Miscellaneous bills,	761.86
Abatements,	16.14
Non-resident highway worked,	54.00
Due on collector's book,	617.29
Cash in treasury,	166.25
	—————\$4,019.20

Demands against the Town.

Nathan Chapman,	\$390.95
Mary J. Mitchell,	682.88
Hattie M. M. Morrison,	138.91
D. B. Clement,	1,492.36
George F. Fletcher,	152.95
Lydia R. Clement,	190.68
C. M. Barnard,	809.92
Sherburn W. Tilton,	100.00
M. M. R. Mitchell,	259.81
Caleb Whittemore,	465.69
Eliza A. Johnson,	484.11
Almira Huckins,	224.75
D. B. Clement, Jr.,	336.74
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	\$5,729.75

Assets of the Town.

Due on Collector's book for 1882,	\$2.10
“ “ 1883,	3.79
“ “ 1884,	10.45
“ “ 1885,	617.29

Due on T. R. Spiller note,	\$123.95
Due from County,	71.30
Due from C. H. Spiller,	10.00
Due from John Dean for plank,	3.00
Due from Webster and others, cost in bridge case,	13.50
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	\$855.38
Cash in treasury,	166.25
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Total assets of the town,	\$1,021.63
 Demands against the town,	 \$5,729.75
Assets of the town,	1,021.63
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	\$4,708.12
 Indebtedness of the town March 1, 1885,	 \$5,582.04
“ “ 1886,	4,708.12
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Debt diminished,	\$873.92

J. S. MORRISON, *Treasurer.*

H. W. TILTON,	}	<i>Selectmen of Bridgewater.</i>
D. B. CLEMENT, JR.,		
R. J. PILLSBURY,		

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

DISTRICT No. 1.

There were two terms of school in this district, both taught by Miss ADDIE C. WOODMAN, of this town. The spring term, of seven weeks, began May 4. I visited this school twice. Miss Woodman has taught several terms of school in this town, and always given perfect satisfaction. I wish we had more teachers like her. The examination showed that both teacher and scholars had labored hard during the term. Order good. Whole number of scholars, 10. Number studying reading, 10; penmanship, 5; arithmetic, 6; geography, 4; grammar, 2; history, 2; drawing, 2; algebra, 1. The average attendance for the term was 10. The following names are found upon the roll of honor: Lula M. and Inez I. Heath, C. Belle Wiser, Edna F. and Leon A. Woodman, and Amy Spiller. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20.

The fall term commenced Nov. 2, and ended Jan. 1. I visited this school at the beginning, and intended to be present at the closing examination, but the traveling was such, that I did not think best to attempt the journey. The last part of this

term was somewhat broken up by sickness and death, but I have not the least doubt but this was a profitable term of school. Whole number of scholars, 15 ; studying reading, 15 ; penmanship, 4 ; arithmetic, 11 ; geography, 6 ; grammar, 3 ; drawing, 1. Average daily attendance, 13. I find the name of Inez I. Heath upon the roll of honor. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole amount of school money, \$88. Charles H. Heath, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 2.

The school in this district was commenced by Miss NELLIE S. ROGERS, who taught for about four weeks, when she was taken ill, and Miss ADDIE C. WOODMAN kept the remaining four weeks of the term. The district having no school house the school was kept at the residence of the prudential committee. This was Miss Rogers' first experience as teacher. I visited this school at the commencement of the term, and found there was a lack of interest among both teacher and scholars. As there were only three pupils, I made some suggestions, and decided to visit the school again in a few weeks, but soon heard that Miss Rogers was sick and had left the school. On my next visit I found six scholars, instead of three, and all interested in their studies. If you have scholars in a school room, who lack energy and perseverance, hire Miss Woodman. I did not visit the school at the close it being a rainy day. The names of Myrtie Ferrin, Edna A. and Joseph H. Morrison are found upon the roll of honor. All the scholars studied reading ; 2, penmanship ; 4, arithmetic ; 3, grammar ; 2, drawing. Average attendance, 5. Wages of teacher per month, including board, for the first part of the term, \$14 ; for the last four weeks, \$20. Whole amount of school money, \$34.02. Mrs. Edward E. Ferrin, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Two terms in this district. The first term, of eleven weeks, commencing May 4, was under the instruction of Miss GENEVA A. MOSES, of Meredith. The school appeared finely at each visit, and at the closing examination the scholars seemed to un-

derstand thoroughly what they had been over. Miss Moses has great perseverance, and scholars must learn if she is in the school room. Order fair. Whole number of scholars, 10. Whole number studying reading, 10; penmanship, 10; arithmetic, 9; geography, 7; grammar, 2; history, 2. Average attendance, 8. Wages of teacher per month, \$8. Board given. The following names are found upon the roll of honor: Carrie M., Cora A. and Anna A. Dalton, Abbie F., Mary E. and Sadie H. Batchelor.

The second term of seventeen weeks, commencing Oct. 19, was taught by Miss INEZ M. ANDREWS, of Ashland. I visited this school twice. The examination was attended by parents and citizens of the district. I think the scholars made good progress and all did well. Miss Andrews is very active in the school room, and I think she will make a fine teacher. I believe this is nearly her first experience. Whole number of scholars, 19. Whole number studying reading, 19; penmanship, 17; arithmetic, 16; geography, 12; grammar, 7; physiology, 10. Am sorry to say that no scholar's name in the district is found upon the roll of honor. Mary E. Fletcher was tardy but once. Average attendance, 16. Wages of teacher per month, \$12. Board given. Whole amount of school money, \$69.16. A. B. Dalton, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 5.

One term of eleven weeks, commencing Aug. 17, under the instruction of Miss GRACE M. BOYCE, of Penacook, the same teacher as last year. I visited this school twice. The order was good. The closing examination showed thoroughness and good progress in all studies. I think this was a good school. Whole number of scholars, 10. Number studying reading, 10; penmanship, 9; arithmetic, 6; geography, 4; grammar, 1; physiology, 1; algebra, 1. The following names are found on the roll of honor: George C. Clough, Addie G. and Sadie A. Fifield, Edith M. and Edwin A. Fifield. Nonie J. Clough and George H. Wheeler were absent only one day. Average attendance, 9. Wages of teacher per month including board.

\$17. Whole amount of school money, \$50.30. Albert N. Clough, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Two terms in this district. The first term of five weeks, commencing June 1, was under the instruction of Miss LAURA A. WHITTEMORE, of this town. I visited this school twice. The school appeared finely at each visit, and the scholars at the closing examination, were prompt in responding to the general questions given them by the teacher. Order good. Whole number of scholars present, 9; average attendance, 8. Number studying reading, 9; penmanship, 7; arithmetic, 6; geography, 7; physiology, 1. The following names are upon the roll of honor: Annie C. and Claude H. Brown, Walter D. and Harry B. Clement, Josephine H., Myra E. and Rose J. Clement. Wages of teacher per month including board, \$20.

The second term of ten weeks, commencing Sept. 11, was taught by Miss MINNIE E. MELOON, of Meredith. The classes at the closing examination appeared interested, and showed by their answers that careful study only could produce good results. One class in primary arithmetic deserves special mention. Miss Meloon is very clear in her explanations. Whole number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 9. Number studying reading, 10; penmanship, 9; arithmetic, 8; geography, 9; grammar, 3; physiology, 2. Upon the roll of honor we find the following: Claude H. Brown, Annie C. Brown, Myra C. Clement, Flora D. Smith. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole amount of school money, \$70.51. John Smith, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 8.

There were two terms of school in this district, both taught by your committee. The first term of six weeks, commenced Aug. 10. Whole number of scholars, 13. Number of pupils studying reading, 13; penmanship, 13; arithmetic, 12; geography, 7. Upon the roll of honor are the names of Agnes M. Dolloff, Alice M. and Frank H. Tilton, Emery E. Flanders, Elmer H. Hammond and Hermie F. Johnson.

The second term of fourteen weeks, commenced Oct. 12. There was one public examination which was attended by parents and citizens. Whole number of scholars, 20. Whole number studying reading, 18; penmanship, 11; arithmetic, 20; geography, 6; grammar, 1; physiology, 16; algebra, 3; geology, 2; and book-keeping, 6. Upon the roll of honor the names of Maud M. and Mabel M. Dolloff, Agnes M. Dolloff, Alice M. and Alfred H. Tilton, Elmer H. and Harrice W. Hammond are found. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$22. Whole amount of school money, \$116.69. Gilbert B. Dolloff, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 9.

As usual there was but one term of school in this district, commencing July 6, of about five weeks in length, taught by Miss ADDIE C. WOODMAN. This school was small, numbering only four scholars, and two of those came from another district. Miss Woodman manifests the same interest here as in other schools. The whole number studying reading was 4; penmanship, 2; arithmetic, 4; geography, 1; history, 1. Upon the roll of honor I find the names of Edna F. Woodman, Leon A. Woodman, Katie I. Gault, and Claude R. Smith. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole amount of school money, \$27.62. Simeon Brown, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 10.

One term of about five weeks, commencing Aug. 10, was taught by Miss GENEVA A. MOSES, of Meredith. Miss Moses possesses the qualifications of a good teacher, and I think she endeavored to make the school pleasing and instructive for her scholars. The order was good, and the classes appeared finely at the closing visit. Whole number of scholars, 10. Number studying reading, 10; penmanship, 8; arithmetic, 5; geography, 5; grammar, 3. Upon the roll of honor are the following names: Ada M. Glover, Austin B. Glover, and Ora A. Nichols. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$22. Stephen R. Glover, Prudential Committee.

UNION DISTRICT No. 1.

One term of about ten weeks, commencing Oct. 26, was taught by Mrs. H. A. MITCHELL, of this town. The scholars in this district are small. I visited this school but once, and that was near the commencement. I should have been present at the closing examination if the weather had been suitable. The order was fair. I think in a school like this it requires energy to interest the scholars, and perhaps a younger teacher could do this more successfully. Whole number of scholars, 6. Whole number studying reading, 6; penmanship, 3; arithmetic, 4; geography, 1; grammar, 1. Upon the roll of honor are the following names: Albert H. Mitchell, Carrie M. Mitchell, Nora B. Mitchell, and Ethel S. Mitchell. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$10. Whole amount of school money, \$24.80. H. W. Mitchell, Prudential Committee.

A few suggestions in conclusion may be read with profit, both by parents and teachers. As the school-years have drawn to a close, your former committees have endeavored to recommend the best methods by which the present condition of our common schools could be improved. Much has been published and read by individuals from all sections of our state. I can offer no new ideas. The field has been gleaned by other hands more competent for suggestions. I can only urge from this vast storehouse of thought such suggestions as may seem adapted to meet our present condition. It is well known to all, that the teacher is the motive power of the school room. The whole machinery is moved, guided and controlled by him. How responsible then his position! The influence a teacher exerts is wide-spread, and it is of the utmost importance that it be right. It is a part of the teacher's duty to help form the moral character of their pupils, as well as to instruct them from the text books. The work of educating the young is not to be done wholly in the school room, a very important part of it must be done at home. It is not enough for parents to send their children to school, thinking their own responsibility ends

there. There should be home work in connection with school work, co-operation between the teacher and parents is necessary. Let them work in harmony. Let the parent visit the school room, thereby encouraging the pupil and teacher.

Among other corrections there should be a uniformity of text books throughout the state. Now that there is to be a radical change in our school system, by the adoption of a town school board, it would seem fitting at this time to have a series of new books adopted. The reader now found in our schools has been used for several years, and it certainly needs changing.

Whatever changes may be made by the establishment of our new system, we hope that the board will duly consider the necessary changes needed, and thereby improve the present condition of text-books in our school. A few dollars properly expended for books, will awaken a deeper interest in the mind of the pupil, and this seems a right thing to be done.

In conclusion let me thank the parents and teachers for the good work done, during the past year, and may the year which is to come bring with it success and prosperity in the cause of education.

M. A. MORRILL, *S. S. Committee.*



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